

The Basics

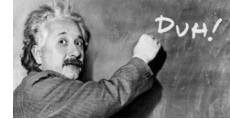
- First part of the SAT
- Use a pencil
- 25 minutes

First draft
Use your time effectively!
Quality > quantity



What does it look like?!

- Directions
 - Follow them
- Prompt
 - Usually a quote or excerpt
 - Read and form an opinion
- Assignment
 - Asks you something specific about the topic of the prompt



You have twenty-five minutes to write an essay on the topic assigned below. Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.

Many persons believe that to move up the ladder of success and achievement, they must forget the past, repress it, and relinquish it. But others have just the opposite view. They see old memories as a chance to reckon with the past and integrate past and present.

Adapted from Sara Lawrence Lightfoot, I've Known Rivers: Lives of Loss and Liberation

Assignment: Do memories hinder or help people in their effort to learn from the past and succeed in the present? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.



Most Important Parts:

Understand what the assignment is asking

Look for key words and phrases

Develop a point of view

Think "thesis" or "argument"

Provide examples

That support your p.o.v.

Can be "**from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.**"



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- Be organized!
- WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!
 - Plan!
 - Basic essay format
 - Introduction with thesis/p.o.v.
 - Paragraph(s) with example(s)
 - Conclusion

Homework

- Use this prompt to write a practice essay for Monday.
- Time yourself! 25 minutes

